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this state, will not be able to serve on the Supreme Court of this state with the district election. I think that that is really bad. I think it is a bad situation. I think the Legislature is also giving away some of its power by allowing and letting this legislation be permissive to allow nine judges to be on the Supreme Court, therefore, asking again for just a majority on the constitutional questions of the Legislature. I, also, say that we didn't talk about how much money it would cost. I think that to do this hurriedly, to do it now, to do it today, or this year would be acting in a bit of haste. I think there are other methods with which we could help the Supreme Court. I think there is the possibility that we could give them staff or more staff than they are having now, that they do have now, and allow them to help the Supreme Court judges, if they are overworked. I also made a statement to you that I had understood the judges worked only ten out of twelve months. I want to correct that from having talked in the parking lot with Senator Cavanaugh and three Supreme Court judges that I might be wrong and that some of them do work the year around. I will not make a general statement for all of them because I didn't get the opportunity to talk to all of them but Senator Cavanaugh and three Supreme Court judges and myself had a very interesting discussion. I wish I would have had somebody else on my side, but when we talked to this issue, Senator Cavanaugh did use figures. I have used figures. I did not lie to you about the figures. I don't work on legislation that way. We do have an honest disagreement in the figures, and I think if you take the number of written opinions that has been discussed or written by the Supreme Court since 1922, you will find that 1922, there was 303 written opinions, in 1975, 340. Now if that is an increase in workload, I am sadly mistaken with the Supreme Court's workload. I do think that if you vote the issue down it would be proper for Senator Luedtke and his Judiciary Committee to make a study of this to see if instead of a constitutional amendment we should have a study to find out if it is help they need or if it is more judges that they need. The studies that I have referred to do not call for more judges and, therefore, I would renew my plea to you that let's don't be hasty with this act, with this constitutional amendment. We are changing something that has been in this State Constitution for years and I think there are other methods with which we can help the Supreme Court and I think they need to be studied. I see no reason to put this on the ballot and take it up now in the condition that it is in. And with that, I would hope that we would respectfully turn down Senator Cavanaugh's motion for reconsideration.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have been supporting the position of Senator Barnett on this amendment but he said something that I